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FUTURE ISSUES AND ASSUMPTIONS

SFY 2023-24 Future Issues

Conforming Actions

- None

SFY 2023-24 Assumptions

New Assumptions

- Increases in Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Total Served are projected in the 2023 May Revision Estimate as service availability improves and regional economies stabilize with the termination of California's COVID-19 State of Emergency on February 28, 2023. The state's SMARTER Plan will help to make sure there is operational continuity in DOR's work to support individuals with disabilities across the state.

History of Discontinued Assumptions

- None

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Description

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is administered through DOR's Vocational Rehabilitation Service Delivery teams which comprise qualified rehabilitation professionals, business specialists, service coordinators, and support staff who assist individuals with disabilities in preparing for, entering into, and retaining competitive employment in integrated work settings and to live independently in their communities.

The VR Program funding is provided by a grant awarded under Title IV, Section 411 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and provides 78.7% federal grant funds, with the remaining 21.3% provided by the state or other matching funds. VR services were provided to over 116,000 VR consumers and Potentially Eligible (PE) participants in SFY 2021-22.

The VR Program is not an entitlement program. When DOR does not have sufficient VR grant funds to serve all applicants who are deemed eligible for VR services, the federal government requires DOR to implement an Order of Selection process, under which the department must serve eligible individuals with the most significant disabilities (Priority Category One) first, followed by eligible individuals with significant disabilities (Priority Category Two), and then all other eligible individuals with disabilities (Priority Category Three). PE participants are not impacted by the OOS. DOR has been operating under an OOS process since September 1995 and has twice ceased delivery of services to new eligible applicants for extended periods of time due to lack of sufficient funds. Effective November 2, 2020, the full range of VR services may be provided to eligible individuals assigned to Priority Categories One, Two, and Three, and there are no individuals assigned to priority category waiting lists.

DOR projects that the current level of staffing and proposed funding for SFY 2023-24 is adequate to serve individuals in all three priority categories.

Implementation Date

- The Vocational Rehabilitation program was implemented on October 1, 1963 in accordance with Chapter 1747, Statutes of 1963.

Authorizing Statutes

- Federal authorizing statute - Subtitle B of Title IV of WIOA (Public Law 113-128) dated July 22, 2014.
- State authorizing statute - Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 10, commencing with Section 19000 - 19856.

Funding

- This program is funded with federal fund, General Fund, and other matching funds.

2023 MAY REVISION ESTIMATES

Summary

The 2023 May Revision updates the Department's SFY 2023-24 caseload estimates to include projected increases in DOR's Total Cases Served, Open Cases, New Plans, and Successful Closures. These increases are anticipated as service availability improves and local economies stabilize with the termination of California's COVID-19 State of Emergency effective February 28, 2023.

Methodology

Caseloads are projected by reviewing historical VR consumer and PE participant data and applying trend analyses to determine future caseload.

Additional factors such as current program activities, evolving tools such as an online portal to help consumers and vendors save time and increase efficiencies, and redefined focus on outcome quality were also considered when determining projections.

2023 May Revision Tables

Expenditure Tables

(Dollars in Thousands)

TABLE 1. SFY 2022-23 from Budget Act to May Revision

CASE SERVICES BUDGET	Budget Act (BA)	Governor's Budget (GB)	CHANGE BA to GB	May Revision Estimate (MR)	CHANGE GB to MR
VR Base Programs	\$133,924	\$133,924	\$0	\$133,924	\$0
Federal Fund	101,904	101,904	-	101,904	-
General Fund	32,020	32,020	-	32,020	-
Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	\$54,500	\$54,500	\$0	\$54,500	\$0
Federal Fund	47,455	47,455	-	47,455	-
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-	[20,725]	-
Total, All Programs	\$188,424	\$188,424	\$0	\$188,424	\$0
Total Funding					
Federal Fund	149,359	149,359	-	149,359	-
General Fund	32,020	32,020	-	32,020	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-	[20,725]	-
Total, All Funds	\$188,424	\$188,424	\$0	\$188,424	\$0

* Certified Time match is the dollar value of personal services and operating expenses generated by Cooperative Contracts and is used as match for the federal grant. Certified Time values, shown here in [brackets], are not included in budget totals and are provided for informational purposes only.

TABLE 2. SFY 2023-24 from Governor’s Budget to May Revision

CASE SERVICES BUDGET	Governor's Budget (GB)	May Revision Estimate (MR)	CHANGE GB to MR
VR Base Programs	\$134,355	\$134,355	\$0
Federal Fund	101,904	101,904	-
General Fund	32,451	32,451	-
Reimbursement	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	\$54,500	\$54,500	\$0
Federal Fund	47,455	47,455	-
General Fund	-	-	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-
Total, All Programs	\$188,855	\$188,855	\$0
Total Funding			
Federal Fund	149,359	149,359	-
General Fund	32,451	32,451	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-
Total, All Funds	\$188,855	\$188,855	\$0

* Certified Time match is the dollar value of personal services and operating expenses generated by Cooperative Contracts and is used as match for the federal grant. Certified Time values, shown here in [brackets], are not included in budget totals and are provided for informational purposes only.

TABLE 3. Comparison of SFY 2022-23 to SFY 2023-24 Budget in 2023 May Revision

CASE SERVICES BUDGET	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2023-24	CHANGE
VR Base Programs	\$133,924	\$134,355	\$431
Federal Fund	101,904	101,904	-
General Fund	32,020	32,451	431 ¹
Reimbursement	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	\$54,500	\$54,500	\$0
Federal Fund	47,455	47,455	-
General Fund	-	-	-
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-
Total, All Programs	\$188,424	\$188,855	\$431
Total Funding			
Federal Fund	149,359	149,359	-
General Fund	32,020	32,451	431
Reimbursement	7,045	7,045	-
Certified Time*	[20,725]	[20,725]	-
Total, All Funds	\$188,424	\$188,855	\$431

¹ This represents the budgeted incremental increase in General Fund between SFY 2022-23 and SFY 2023-24 related to DDS Rate Reform Implementation as outlined by SB188 (Section 4519.10).

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Caseload Tables

TABLE 4. SFY 2022-23 Caseloads from Governor's Budget to May Revision

CASELOAD	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR
	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures
VR Base Programs	97,013	71,620	18,891	6,874	97,013	71,620	18,891	6,874	-	-	-	-
VR Consumer	67,352	46,613	18,891	6,874	67,352	46,613	18,891	6,874	-	-	-	-
PE Participant	29,661	25,007	-	-	29,661	25,007	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	27,797	19,314	3,307	1,566	27,797	19,314	3,307	1,566	-	-	-	-
VR Consumer	10,030	4,118	3,307	1,566	10,030	4,118	3,307	1,566	-	-	-	-
PE Participant	17,767	15,196	-	-	17,767	15,196	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, All Programs	124,810	90,934	22,198	8,440	124,810	90,934	22,198	8,440	-	-	-	-
Caseload by Case Type												
VR Consumer	77,382	50,731	22,198	8,440	77,382	50,731	22,198	8,440	-	-	-	-
PE Participant	47,428	40,203	-	-	47,428	40,203	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, All Case Types	124,810	90,934	22,198	8,440	124,810	90,934	22,198	8,440	-	-	-	-

TABLE 5. SFY 2023-24 Caseloads from Governor’s Budget to May Revision

CASELOAD	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	Gov. Budget	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	May Revision	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR	CHANGE GB to MR
	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures
VR Base Programs	97,013	71,620	18,891	6,874	118,522	88,207	23,584	7,158	21,509	16,587	4,693	284
VR Consumer	67,352	46,613	18,891	6,874	83,512	58,853	23,584	1,158	16,160	12,240	4,693	284
PE Participant	29,661	25,007	-	-	35,010	29,354	-	-	5,349	4,347	-	-
Cooperative Contracts	27,797	19,314	3,307	1,566	36,277	28,166	3,883	1,704	8,480	8,852	576	138
VR Consumer	10,030	4,118	3,307	1,566	10,287	6,792	3,883	1,704	257	2,674	576	138
PE Participant	17,767	15,196	-	-	25,990	21,374	-	-	8,223	6,178	-	-
Total, All Programs	124,810	90,934	22,198	8,440	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	29,989	25,439	5,269	422
Caseload by Case Type												
VR Consumer	77,382	50,731	22,198	8,440	93,799	65,645	27,467	8,862	16,417	14,914	5,269	422
PE Participant	47,428	40,203	-	-	61,000	50,728	-	-	13,572	10,525	-	-
Total, All Case Types	124,810	90,934	22,198	8,440	154,799	116,373	27,467	8,862	29,989	25,439	5,269	422

TABLE 6. Comparison of SFY 2022-23 to SFY 2023-24 Caseloads in 2023 May Revision

CASELOAD	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2023-24	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures	Total Cases Served	Open Cases	New Plans	Successful Closures
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